

The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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Fire Department

aghetti Dinner



When: Saturday, September 22, 2007

Where: Tolland Town Hall

Dinner: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Music: 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee. Sold separately -Serving:

hotdogs, hamburgers, fries and refreshments.

Donations: \$10.00 for spaghetti dinner.

Contact Eric Munson, III, Mike Sullivan, Lester Walker or Ticket Info:

call the Department at 258-2859. Also for sale at door.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Town Hall Closed-Monday Sept. 3rd.

Senator Knapik will be available at the Tolland Town Hall on the following dates:

- Sept. 10 from 11:15 12:15
- Oct. 1 from 11:15 12:15
- Nov. 5 from 11:15 12:15

The Tolland Cultural Council will accept applications for grants through October 15, 2007. The council is looking for members; if you are interested please contact Shirley Warner at 258-4255 or Becky Lamanski at 258-4488.

The Tolland Ladies Club will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:30pm at The Tolland Town Hall. Please join us!

> Thursday Sept. 13 7:30pm Tolland Town Hall

Chicken Bar-B-Q Dinner

Benefit New Boston Congregational Church

Saturday September 15, 2007 5:00 to 7:00pm

at Sandisfield Fire Dept. Station #2 Rt.57, Sandisfield, MA

serving: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, corn, sald, rolls and assosrted homemade desserts.

Adults \$10. - 12 and under \$5.

Tickets at the door
Take-outs available



Tolland Town Directory

Town Hall - main number: 258-4794 Hours: Mon & Tues. 8:30am to 4pm Wed. from 8:30am to 12pm

- Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance Dial 911
- Non-Emergency -Fire/Ambulance/Police 258-4515
- ASSESSOR CLERK 258-4889 Hours: Mondays 10am - 4:00pm
- BOARD OF ASSESSORS 258-4889
 Hours: Mondays 10am 4pm
 Meeting: 1:00pm 4th Tuesday of month
- BUILDING INSPECTOR by appointment only 258-4590
- DUMP HOURS SUMMER HOURS Sundays - 3:00 - 7;00pm Wednesdays - 5:00 - 7:00pm Saturdays - 9:00am - 11:00am
- FIRE DEPARTMENT 258-2859
 Meeting & Drill 7:00 10:00
 August 7, 14 and21
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 258-4531
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 6:00pm 3rd Thursday of month
- PLANNING BOARD 7:00pm 3rd Monday of each month-Sept. 17th
- TOLLAND LIBRARY
 Hours: Monday 3:00pm 8:30pm
 Thursday 11:00am 4:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am 12:00am
- TOWN CLERK 258-4068 Hours: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00pm and by appointment
- * SELECTMEN
 Every other Monday at 5:00 unless other wise noted -September 10th and 24th.
- TAX COLLECTOR 258-4794

From the Office of the Board of Selectmen

The Town of Tolland is seeking bids on lawn mowing and lawn care at the following locations:

Town Green - Rte. 57 and Clubhouse Road

Town Library - 23 Clubhouse Road

Town Hall - 241 West Granville Road

Spring Hill Cemetery - Rte 57

South Quarter Cemetery - Rivers Road

Burt Hill Cemetery -Burt Hill Road

Twining Cemetery - Rte 57

Bids will be accepted for all six locations or individually. Bids must be received by the Tolland Selectmen by September 24, 2007 at the Tolland Town Hall, 241 West Granville Road, Tolland, MA 01034. Please mark the envelope "Attention: Lawn Care".

The Board of Selectmen is currently looking for members to serve on the Conservation Committee. If you are interested in serving contact the Tolland Town Hall at 413-258-4794.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

In order to be able to make a timely response to a Notice of Intent (NOI) or Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), the Conservation Committee has requested the following guidelines to be observed.

- Submit 3 copies of all paperwork by the 10th of the month you wish The Conservation Committee to review it. The committee meets the last week of the month and needs sufficient time to review the plans or project. A walk through is necessary and the committee may generate additional questions
- All questions about a project should be directed to Valerie Nickerson at 413-454-5161 or email VNBAssociates@aol.com

We hope that these changes will make the committee more efficient and responsive to your needs. Our job is to help you comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection guidelines and laws.

The safety of our environment is a responsibility that we all share.

Sincerely yours, The Tolland Conservation Committee



Tolland Fire Department



We performed our water rescue drill in Wildwood's pond on August 14th. We were joined by Wildwood's lifeguard, Hank. Using our rescue boat, ice rescue sled and backboard we performed two different scenarios of rescue from water. The department members thank Hank for joining us and sharing his skills with us all.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 22nd. We will be serving spaghetti, salad, rolls, coffee and dessert. Hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and refreshments will be sold separately. The dinner will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. The grill will be open until 10:00 p.m. Contact Eric Munson, III, Mike Sullivan or Lester Walker for tickets or call the department at 258-2859. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Tickets for the dinner are a donation of \$10.00.

The following are the responses from July 21st through August 20th:

• July responses: 4 - Medical Calls

• August responses: 1 - Motor Vehicle Accident

2 - Mutual Aid Calls - Town of Granville

Robert Littlefield, Sr., Chief

Veterans' Corner

As I write this article today, the number of troops that are currently overseas is getting ready to jump to around 171,000. This is a record number for the war. After all the planned rotations, the number will once again drop to around 162,000. The reason I mention this fact is that I think that as a group, we sometimes lose focus on what is really going on in this war. It is far from over, and our Troops still need all the support we can give them. On a recent trip on the Freedom Trail in Boston, it occurred to me that when this country is at war, shouldn't we be focused on our soldiers? As I looked at photos and stories of our forefathers, I thought to myself that many people don't put our Troops danger in the forefront of their thoughts. I don't remember seeing anywhere in my history books that during the Boston Massacre, or the Boston Tea Party, that citizens paid more attention to a Sales Tax free weekend than the matters at hand. Did I miss the passage where Paul Revere got a late jump on his ride because he was buying a new refrigerator tax free? Or the Battle of Bunker Hill was postponed until Monday because the British wanted to buy new uniforms without paying the 5% tax? I didn't read this because it never happened. Nor should it now.

With all of that in mind, I have been trying to compile a list of soldiers who need our support from the Towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland. I have so far come up with four. I need everyone's help in finding ALL of our citizens who are deployed. If you know of anyone, please contact the office so we can send care packages. Thank you and please remember our Brave men and women in your prayers and God Bless our Troops.

God Bless our Troops! Richard Girard, administrator

Tolland Board of Assessors

As of July 31st, 2007 the Tolland Board of Assessors has completed its nine year inspection cycle by visiting every property in Tolland. Any property owner of a home which did not receive an interior inspection received a letter or card requesting an appointment be made with the board. Though most everyone in town has been accommodating, there are some property owners who wish not to have their homes inspected. It is the right of every home owner to refuse inspection; however, in doing so a home owner forfeits other rights. When the Board of Assessors is refused entry we must estimate the data for the home in order to value it. If a property owner disagrees with the assessors' estimate and applies for abatement, they must then allow entry in order for the assessors to consider that application. If entry is still refused, the owner will forfeit their right for an abatement appeal.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 61A

A person applying for an abatement of a tax on real estate or personal property shall, upon request, exhibit to the assessors the property to which the application for abatement relates and if required by said assessor, shall exhibit and identify such property, and further, shall, upon request, furnish under oath such written information as may be reasonably required by the board of assessors to determine the actual fair cash valuation of the property to which the application for abatement relates including, but not limited to, income and rents received, and expenses of maintaining such property. Failure of the applicant to comply with the provisions of this section within thirty days of such request shall bar him from any statutory appeal under this chapter unless the applicant was unable to comply with such request for reasons beyond his control or unless he attempted to comply in good faith.

If you wish to set an appointment for an interior inspection, please contact the assessors office at 258-4889 or assessorstolland@earthlink.net. There are three members of the board who are available for interior inspections: Susan Moore, Susan Voudren and Jessica Kelmelis. Generally, inspections are done Monday through Wednesday but we try to accommodate different schedules. If you wish not to have your property inspected, a polite "No, thank you" would suffice. The board also encourages all home owners to request a copy of their property record card to determine if the data collected on their homes is accurate. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and understanding.

...also from The Board of Assesors - from the 1890 Massachusetts Gazeteer...

Tolland Massachusetts, 1890 - Tolland forms the southwest extremity of Hampden County, and is bounded on the north by Otis and Blandford, on the east by Granville, by Sandisfield on the west, and by Colebrook and Hartland, in Connecticut, on the south. Its assessed area is 18,186 acres; and there are 5,614 acres of beech, birch and maple. The whole town is on elevated land, and has few hills of much altitude. In the north is Messenger Pond; in the south, Cranberry; and north of Tolland Centre (the village and post-office) is the larger Noyes Pond, the source of Hubbard's River, which with its affluents drains the eastern section of the town. The rock is of granitic appearance, and the soil is clayey.

The product of the 112 farms in 1885 was valued at \$61,752. Maple sugar was made to amount of 49,530 pounds; and of maple molasses, 564 gallons; valued altogether at \$4,482. There were two saw mills and a wood-turning mill, employing about 25 men. Some leather and metallic goods were made also. The value of the total manufactured product was \$39,775. The population was 422; of whom 117 were legal voters. The valuation in 1888 was \$162,692, with a tax-rate of \$16 on \$1,000. There were 96 taxed dwelling-houses. There are five public school-houses, valued at nearly \$2,000. The Congregationalists have a church edifice at the village, occupying what is supposed to be the highest ground in its latitude between the Connecticut and the Housatonic rivers.

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From the Board of Assessors. continued...

This town was formerly a part of Granville, and was set off and incorporated, June 14, 1810. It was settled in 1750; and among its first inhabitants were James Barlow, Samuel Hubbard, Moses Gough, Titus Fowler and Robert Hamilton. The church was organized in 1797; and the Rev. Roger Harrison, the first pastor, served also in the capacity of postmaster, town-clerk, and representative to the General Court. The Rev. Gordon Hall (1784-1826), first American missionary to Bombay, and also an author of some note, was a native of this town. Tolland furnished 25 men for the Union cause in the late war, of whom 12 perished in the service.

pp. 641-642 in Nason and Varney's Massachusetts Gazetteer, 1890

Tolland Council on Aging

Drop-in Yoga Classes Continue on Thursdays in Tolland Through September 13

The Tolland Council on Aging Summer Gentle Yoga Classes will continue on Thursdays through September 13. They are from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall, 241 W. Granville Rd., Tolland. The classes are open to seniors and other adults from Tolland, Granville, and other area towns. New persons are welcome to the classes at any time during the season. A small donation is requested for each class.

The classes, as taught by Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center, accommodate persons of all levels and also persons with disabilities: it is not necessary to get down on the floor on a mat to participate in this class. However, bring a mat, if you plan to use it, and a blanket, and a small pillow will also be helpful.

Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen muscles, improve balance and fitness, and increase overall well being.

We hope to see you there this summer! Call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.

Granville Yoga Course for Adults of Any Age in October

A six-week series of Yoga is in the works for Granville to begin on Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The instructor will come to us from the Westfield Yoga Center. This class would be held at the Granville Town Hall beginning at 6:30PM.

All Adults and Seniors from Granville and surrounding towns would be welcome. Price for the classes will depend on the number of participants - we look for a 15 person minimum to keep costs reasonable.

Our COA Regional Coordinator, Elethea Goodin, and Kathy Martin, COA Co-Chairperson, support this endeavor.

All interested please call Gloria at 357-8706.

Tolland Public Library

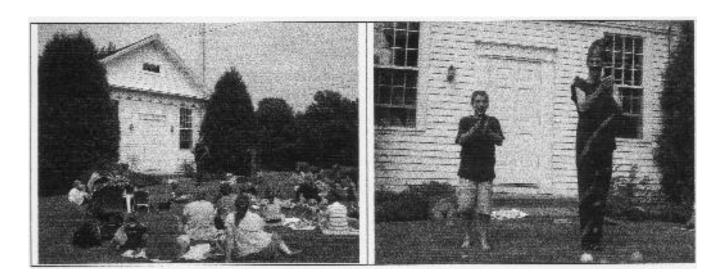


Mrs. Murphy's Donuts at the Library. For our last Café at the Library Saturday morning for this summer we will have Mrs. Murphy's donuts and coffee from 10 –12. First come, first served.

August was a very busy month at the Library. I was very pleased to see how many Tolland children came to the Library in search of their summer reading books. Unfortunately, I could not fill everyone's needs. Come a little bit earlier next year and everyone will get a chance at the book they want. If I know ahead, I can get an

extra copy of a book through Inter-Library Loan. At any rate, I was happy the Library could help as many as it did.

Henry the Juggler was a wonderful treat for all on August 16th. Not only was he very talented but also he involved a lot of the local children and adults in some of his silliness. The most fun was that he taught all who wanted to learn how to juggle.



With the beginning of September, we say goodbye to our summer friends and books on the beach or in the hammock. I say goodbye to the delightful works of Hillary Carl that have brightened my hours in the Library. It is time for fiscal reports and getting ready for winter.

Please don't forget that the Library is still here ready to offer all it can. The internet is still wireless and the delivery system is still available. Anything we can do, please just ask.



Tolland Volunteer Fire Department REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, ST. , ZIP
PHONE NUMBER
Address Number Requested
Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.
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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department 162A Colebrook River Road Tolland, MA 01034

Granville Federated Church, American Baptist & United Church of Christ 16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

· NEW YOUTH GROUP: On Saturday, Aug. 25 the initial planning meeting of a Youth Fellowship Group was held under the leadership of Bruce and Ruth Bergquist. Subsequent meetings will be held every other week from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the church. You are invited to attend and bring a friend for fun and fellowship.

Sunday, Sept. 2: Morning Worship at 10 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour

• Sunday, Sept. 9: Morning Worship at 10 a.m. and gathering day for Sunday School kick off. Bring something to share for potluck luncheon after Worship Service. ALL INVITED. Register your child/children for Sunday School.

Sunday, Sept. 16: Morning Worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. A delicious breakfast in Fellowship Hall will be served for all from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

- Sunday, Sept. 23 and 30: Morning Worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday School. Trained, certified babysitters are available for babies and small children during each Worship Service.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., Sept. 19. A meeting will follow. All are welcome.
- On Sun., Sept. 23 at 11:15 a.m. we will meet with the Rev. Patrick McMahon for an adult dis cussion. Topic to be announced. Newcomers are welcome to join anytime.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- Sunday—10am Morning Worship
 - Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
- Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
- Third Sunday—8:30-9:30am-Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
- Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
- Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon *All are welcome!*

Silent Auction to Benefit the Cancer House of Hope

An opal mosaic silver pendant will be offered at a Silent Auction during the Harvest Fair in Granville. The pendant will be on view in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at the Federated Church where the bidding will take place. The pendant is hand-crafted by Loren Clark of Tolland and has a retail value of \$300.

2007 GRANVILLE HARVEST FAIR COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Applications are now available for artists and craftsmen to apply for booth space at the 26th Annual Harvest Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 6, 7 and 8, 2007. The following Granville organizations may be contacted for Vendor applications by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to:

Federated Church – Jenny Maceyka, 173 South Lane, Granville Old Meeting House – Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193, Granville Town Green – Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road, Granville Town Library – Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222, Granville Village School – Susan Richardson, 462 Main Rd, Granville

Granville/Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation

A chapter of Dollars for Scholars - P.O Box 214 Granville MA - www.tolland-ma.gov

Smart Money—the Dollars for Scholars Financial Aid Tip of the Month brought to you by New England Dollars for Scholars and Nellie Mae

Last-minute financing for college: Don't panic!

"Don't Panic" is the famous motto of fictional travel guide and film The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It's also sensible advice if you're scrambling to pay your college tuition bill, because there are ways to come up with cash in time for class.

Don't miss the boat on FAFSA If you have not filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2007-2008 school year, do it now! In 2005, 1.5 million undergraduates from working and middle-income families who failed to submit a FAFSA were actually eligible for Pell Grants (source: 2006 American Council of Education report). Grants and scholarships are the ultimate financial aid—free money with nothing to pay back. While colleges award funds on a first-come, first-served basis, money can free up as accepted applicants choose other schools. The fastest way to file a FAFSA is online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you completed your FAFSA and are now facing a money gap between any need-based aid you were awarded and your school bills, consider some of the following options.

Get a student loan Seventy percent of students borrow money to pay for their education, and it's the quickest way to raise funds. Lenders such as Nellie Mae, based in Braintree MA, allow students and parents to borrow up to the full cost of attendance less other aid received. Offering both federal and private loans with competitive interest rates and borrower benefits, Nellie Mae urges families to maximize low-interest federal borrowing before considering private loans. For details or to apply, visit www.nelliemae.com.

Talk to your school Schools may not always have the funds available, but starting a dialogue with the financial aid office may improve your aid package. If another college offered you more gift aid, ask your selected college to match it. Has your family suffered a serious financial setback since you filed your FAFSA, such as a death, illness, job loss, or natural disaster? Ask your financial aid office for an individual review of your financial situation (it may qualify you for additional aid).

Keep looking for "free money" Already applied for scholarships? Keep at it. Find a free scholarship search site like www.collegeanswer.com that let's you plug in discrete personal data to sort your best bets from a database of 2.4 million scholarships. Keep in mind that research is pointless if you don't apply for some money! At the cost of a stamp or hitting SEND, it's a great investment in you.

Work part-time Between 70% and 80% of all students work to raise cash for college. Earnings from working fulltime in summer and part time while at school (no more 20 hours per week) will help pay down your tuition balance. Talk to your financial aid office about co-op education programs, work-study jobs, or off-campus positions. If an employer reimburses or subsidizes related education costs, better still.

Ask the family. Parents or grandparents may be willing to access investments, refinance a house, or apply for a federal or private education loan. These are serious personal financial decisions, so start conversations as soon as possible. If their answer is no, accept it, and move on.

Learn within your means. If all else fails, you may have to attend a less expensive school even though it might not be your first choice. On the bright side, you can get a fine education at every price point. If you have a preferred, pricier college, you can always transfer at a later date.

You are so close to your freshman year at college—don't let a cash shortfall sidetrack your plans. Visit www.nelliemae.com for more information about paying for college, or to apply for a Nellie Mae student loan for the upcoming semester.

The Granville/Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation

The Granville Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation is pleased and proud to announce that it has recently awarded a record \$22,000 to 21 deserving Granville and Tolland college undergraduates for the 2007-2008 school year. Scholarship recipients and their schools are as follows:

Amber M. Bitso Westfield State College Jamie Brown Holyoke Community College

Jacob P. Brown Pensacola Christian College Michelle Lynn Canfield Salve Regina University

Brittany D. Canfield University of Massachusetts Amherst Shane Gladding University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Katherine Hauff Westfield State College Rebecca Hauff Lyndon State College

Jonathan Holmes
Nathaniel Holmes
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Kirsten Saige Kelmelis Franklin Pierce College

Mike KornleySt. Michael's College

Jonathan Lansing Springfield Technical Community College

Amy Lynn Lodovico Bay Path College

Ila M. McLaughlin Holyoke Community College Gregery J. Miller Massachusetts College of Art

Jessica Lynn Miller Elms College

Molly Sandman
Justin Simeone
Cheryl Skibski
Christy Wesowicz
Holyoke Community College
University of Mary Washington
Florida Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's College of Maine

The GTCSF has four permanent endowments with named scholarships, the Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon Memorial Fund, the Dorothy Miller Trust, the 1st Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Jane and Stuart Watson Fund. Recipients of these named scholarships are as follows:

Dorothy Miller Trust Scholarship - Jonathan Holmes Walter A and Katherine E. Phelon Memorial Scholarship - Saige Kelmelis 1st Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship - Justin Simeone and Jessica Lynn Miller Jane and Stuart Watson Scholarship - Christy Wesowicz

Funding for our scholarships comes from our Annual Spring Phonathon and Mail campaign, the Rock-A-Thon, Harvest Fair, donations from the Granville Village School Dress Down Days as well as from our endowments. All forms of fund raising from the Annual Appeal totaled \$11,500 and interest earned from the 4 endowments added another \$10,500 to be distributed for a grand total of \$22,000."

GTCSF is also continuing its efforts through year-end to meet its 2007 Endowment Fund Raising goal of \$60,000. This was a project initially undertaken in 2004 with a three-phase approach. As of July 2007, \$34,000 has been raised and we are beginning Phase Three. Endowment monies are used to supplement each year's Annual Appeal results so more funds can be made available to recipients. Currently there are four endowment funds in operation. The Dorothy M. Miller Fund was started 30 years ago. It was followed by the Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon Fund. The 1st. Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship

The Granville/Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation - con't.

Fund was created two years ago and last year the newest fund, the Jane and Stuart Watson Fund was created by Watson family members to honor their parents. Together these four funds are endowed with approximately \$180,000.

Given the 2007 endowment goal needs \$26,000 to be achieved, an attempt is being made to secure a matching "challenge " grant from a past corporate contributor as well as appealing to other organizations or individuals who might wish to honor a significant person in their lives. For further endowment information, please feel free to contact either John Meiklejohn at 413 357-6342 [j.johnmeiklejohn@comcast.net] or Bob Gery at 413 258-4693 [robertgery@yahoo.com].

We would like to once again thank all who have donated to the Granville Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation. Your generosity goes a long way toward helping our recipients achieve their higher education goals and ambitions. If you are interested in joining our executive board or volunteering, please contact either Diane Lafrance at dslafrance@comcast.net or Kris LeFebvre at kamelef0224@comcast.net.

For further information on the Granville-Tolland Citizens Scholarship Foundation [GTCSF] please go to http://www.tolland-ma.gov/Public_Documents/TollandMA_Scholarship/index , look for "Boards and Committees" and then "Granville-Tolland Scholarship Foundation".

Congratulations and best of luck to our 2007-2008 Scholarship Recipients!

Granville Cultural Council

GRANVILLE, MA: BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONCERT:

Sunday, September 9, 2007, 3:00PM, at the Old Meeting House. This band, called "Bandstand" was formed seven years ago and loves to sing old fashioned turn of the century barbershop melodies. Come and enjoy their harmonies! The historic Old Meeting House is located on Route 57 West in Granville, MA. A FREE event sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

GRANVILLE, MA: MAGIC SHOW:

Saturday, September 22, 3:00PM, at the Old Meeting House. "Reading is Magic", to be performed by "Ed the Wizard". This is an interactive magic show, geared for ALL ages, with reading as a key emphasis. The historic Old Meeting House is located on Route 57 West in Granville, MA. A FREE event sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

GRANVILLE, MA: SCARECROW CONVENTION:

October 6-8, 2007, at the Old Meeting House.

This fun and playful exhibit will be on display during Granville's Harvest Fair Weekend. The creative scarecrow sculptures, constructed by local families and groups, are awarded prizes, and enjoyed by all! (Local residents are encouraged to design and create their own). The historic Old Meeting House is located on Route 57 West in Granville, MA. A FREE event sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	95	Aug.2	3pm	49	Aug 19	4am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			not	available	
DEWPOINT	75	July 29	1pm	not	available	
BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.25	July 22	11pm	not	available	
WIND SPEED/DIR.	42 NNW	Aug. 17	11pm			
WIND CHILL						
TOTAL RAINFALL	5.15 in.					

Comments:

Note the 42mph wind gust recorded at 10:38pm on this Friday evening. This accompanied a very fast moving line ofthunderstorms moving west at 45mph! The night, if you recall, was calm at 10pm, crystal clear and starlit but with an eerie flashing of the sky above. I thought it could have been a town's fireworks display from somewhere. Well, this was not the case, because 30 minutes later the weather was anything but calm. The NOAA weather radio system did an excellent job pinpointing these storms that evening and they did name Tolland specifically as a town in store for some potentially violent weather.

For the period: June 16 to July 20, 2007
Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie



Community Service

Once again, a group of caring people from Driftwood Shores and Lands End walked the surrounding roads, picking up trash and debris on Saturday, July 21, 2007. The roads included Schoolhouse, Moreau, and Curtis Hall. "We all feel so fortunate to be able to enjoy this beautiful area, it's the least we can do", says Judy Sheehan. Those helping in this community service project organized by Dave and Karen Spidal were: Ricky, Eric and Danny Moren, Chris Fildes, Diane and Mark Orenstein, Dave Fitzgerald, Bill Foster, Andy and Judy Sheehan. "And it didn't even take that long" said Dave Spidal. Thanks to all who participated.



THE TOLLAND TATTLER is a monthly newsletter and a non-profit, volunteer publication by the Board of Selectmen of Tolland, Massachusetts. It is distributed free to residents. The Tolland Tattler solicits news and calendar items from town boards and community groups, and will try to print all the news received. *Policy regarding copy submitted for the "Letters to the Editor" column:*

The Tolland Tattler is the official publication of the Town of Tolland and is sponsored by the Tolland Board of Selectmen. It receives additional funding from various groups including the Council on Aging. The Board of Selectmen maintains the right to review letters submitted to the 'Letters to the Editor' column for content. Letters that are in bad taste, derogatory or present a potential legal problem will not be printed.

DEADLINE: Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: jeanwillow@crocker.com

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